

**Docket Nos.:** 02-0798, 03-0008,  
and 03-0009 (Cons.)

**Bench Date:** 10-08-03

**Deadline:** 10-25-03

## **MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** The Commission

**FROM:** John D. Albers, Administrative Law Judge  
Ian Brodsky, Administrative Law Judge

**DATE:** October 2, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Central Illinois Public Service Company (AmerenCIPS) and  
Union Electric Company (AmerenUE)

Application for entry of protective order to protect  
confidentiality of materials submitted in support of revised  
gas service tariffs.

Central Illinois Public Service Company

Proposed general increase in natural gas rates. (Tariffs filed  
November 27, 2002)

Union Electric Company

Proposed general increase in natural gas rates. (Tariffs filed  
November 27, 2002)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Enter the attached Order approving a rate increase.

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Attached is the Post-Exceptions Proposed Order in Central Illinois Public Service Company ("CIPS") and Union Electric Company's ("UE") (collectively "Ameren") gas rate cases. Following the September 10, 2003 issuance of the Proposed Order, Ameren, Staff, the Attorney General ("AG"), Citizens Utility Board ("CUB"), and Business Energy Alliance and Resources, LLC ("BEAR") each filed a Brief on Exceptions. Ameren, Staff, the AG, and BEAR each submitted a Brief in Reply to Exceptions as well. In light of the parties responses to the Proposed Order, certain clarifications and corrections were made to the Proposed Order. All changes from the Proposed Order that the Commission received are shown in legislative style.

Although no major substantive revisions were made, the modifications that have been made lower the Proposed Order's authorized rate increase for CIPS from \$7.377

million to \$7.325 million. The rate increase authorized for UE in the Proposed Order has been decreased from \$1.931 million to \$1.901 million.

In light of the filing deadline for Briefs in Reply to Exceptions, the Post-Exceptions Proposed Order has been placed on e-Agenda after the regular lock-down date. The deadline for Commission action is October 25, 2003. Please do not hesitate to forward to us prior to the Commission meeting any questions that you might have.

JDA